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# Press Release

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## **RECREATION & PARKS WAKEFIELD VALLEY TRAIL**

### **Methodist Church Camp Helps with the Bottle Brush Buckeye Shrubs on the Wakefield Valley Trail**

With the help of some very ambitious volunteers, the Westminster City Recreation and Parks Department recently completed a large project along the Wakefield Valley Trail. The Department had received a generous donation of Bottle Brush Buckeye Shrubs from the Westminster City Tree Commission. The shrubs were planted to help enhance the natural habitat of animals and insects and to limit the



mowing area. It is also a wonderful addition to the beautification of the trail.

After planting, the City Streets Department brought out huge quantities of

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mulch to be spread around the plants. The mulch keeps the weeds at bay, provides moisture, and helps the plants root system get established. This labor- and time-intensive job of spreading the mulch and weeding around the plants was primarily done by volunteers and took several months to complete.

To aid the community in the completion of this large project, a group from Camp Wesley, which is comprised of Middle and High school youth from a variety of United Methodist Churches in Carroll & Baltimore Counties, took on the job. The Camp is mission-oriented and provides assistance to needy families or projects throughout Carroll County.

The group had a good time, not to mention hot time, moving the mulch. They completed the overwhelming project in two days, with a total of 12 hours and a group of 20 youth and five adults. The Recreation and Parks Department of the City of Westminster thanks the youth and leaders from Camp Wesley for this great community effort.



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